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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Masaru ISHIHARA, et al.

SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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Full benefit of the filing date of prior U.S. Application Serial Number 09/436,756, filed November 9, 1999, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §120**.

Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119(e)**: Application No. Date Filed

Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of **35 U.S.C. §119**, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
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Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

are submitted herewith

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were filed in prior application Serial No. filed

were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number
Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.

(A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and

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